

Friends,

Last Wednesday's Governor & Council meeting met in Hanover, with an opportunity to hear about both the local Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network and the state's new "Live Free & Start" council of entrepreneurs and business leaders statewide focused on nurturing the startup ecosystem in NH.

There were two big headlines from the meeting itself:

First, the Council approved new paving & rehabilitation projects for roughly 195 miles of NH roads & bridges, funded by the recent bipartisan vote in the legislature to increase the gasoline tax for the first time since 1991. In the district I represent, this includes (full details for each below):

- NH 11 in Franklin & Andover
- NH127 in Salisbury & Franklin
- NH 106 in Concord & Loudon
- NH 28 in Barnstead
- NH114 in Henniker
- Lovers Lane in Charlestown
- NH 31 in Washington
- NH9 in Sullivan & Stoddard
- Chesham Rd in Dublin & Harrisville
- Water St in Marlborough

Also, the Council voted 3-2 to approve the central element of the recent bipartisan law to expand Medicaid in the state, which gives the green light for eligibility determinations beginning 8/15 and new coverage beginning 9/1.

Other projects included:

IN CENTRAL NH: Extended a lease for the Concord District Office of the Dep't of Health & Human Services and authorized repair work at the Kearsarge Mountain fire tower.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Approved a grant for an "equipment bank" maintained by Small & Beginning Farmers of NH and authorized repair work at the Pitcher Mountain fire tower in Stoddard.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Approved safety improvements at the Rt 202/9 Intersection in Barrington, and dock work on the Piscataqua River in Dover.

STATEWIDE: Hired a new construction firm to rebuild the National Guard facility in Pembroke (with federal funds) which had previously suffered from poor construction work by a previous firm; and authorized English as a Second Language & Civics course for refugee populations in Manchester.

APPOINTMENTS: The Governor re-nominated the Liquor Commission's COO and Director of Marketing as well as several other key posts; see below for full list.

The next meeting is on TUESDAY, Aug 6 in Hebron, NH. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[Full Agenda from July 16 meeting here](#)
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#5](#) Authorized a **sole source** amendment to the lease with 40 Terrill Park Drive LLC c/o CPManagement Inc., Exeter, NH (originally approved by G&C on 1-14-09, item #58), for the Concord District Office space, by increasing the price in the amount of \$442,459.20 to \$3,236,540.88 from \$2,794,081.68 and by extending the term to May 31, 2015. **60% General, 40% Federal Funds.**

[#23](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 29 miles in District III and in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,176,715. Effective upon G&C approval through October 3, 2014. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#24](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing and rehabilitation of approximately 24 miles in District V and in Merrimack, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,486,605. Effective upon G&C approval through October 3, 2014. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#27C](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for rehabilitation of approximately 3.2 miles in District II, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,783,819.25. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$89,190.96 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 26, 2015. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#55](#) Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a second phase contract with Alba Architects LLP, Woodstock, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 11-6-13, item #81), for architectural services for the repair and reconstruction of six state-owned fire towers in various state reservations, in the amount of \$65,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Capital Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#26](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Brox Industries Inc., Dracut, MA, for resurfacing and rehabilitation of approximately 42 miles in District IV and in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,307,203. Effective upon G&C approval through July 10, 2015. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#27](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 32 miles in District II and in Grafton, Merrimack and Sullivan

Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,124,495. Effective upon G&C approval through October 3, 2014. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#43](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Small and Beginner Farmers of NH, Marlborough, NH, to establish an equipment bank and workshops on the safe and effective use of the various equipment, in the amount of \$20,002. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds – Specialty Crop Block Grant.**

[#55](#) Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a second phase contract with Alba Architects LLP, Woodstock, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 11-6-13, item #81), for architectural services for the repair and reconstruction of six state-owned fire towers in various state reservations, in the amount of \$65,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Capital Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#22](#) Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with American Excavating Corp, Derry, NH, for safety improvements at the US Route 202 / NH Route 9 intersection in Barrington, on the basis of a low bid of \$457,416.35. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$45,741.64 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 26, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#25](#) Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 31 miles in District VI and in Belknap, Rockingham and Strafford Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,109,450. Effective upon G&C approval through October 3, 2014. **100% Agency Income Funds.**

[#67](#) Authorized Allen Williams's request to perform work on the Piscataqua River in Dover.

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#39](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a Construction Management contract with Eckman Construction Company Inc., Bedford, NH, for the Regional Training Institute and Barracks Facility, Pembroke, for a total price not to exceed \$27,611,500. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$1,380,575 to provide for additional unanticipated expenses, bringing the total to \$28,992,075. The execution of contingency funds will be requested from the National Guard Bureau prior to contingency approval. Effective upon G&C approval through October 18, 2015. **98% Capital – Federal, 2% Operating – General Funds.** (3) Further Authorized to pay \$212,823 to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$29,204,898. **100% Capital – Federal Funds.**

[#73](#) Authorized to grant funds to the International Institute of Boston-NH, Manchester, NH, not to exceed \$100,209.96 to provide English as a Second Language and English Language/Civics Education classes at the International Institute of Boston-NH, Manchester, NH, and Authorized unencumbered payment of said grant with internal accounting control. Effective August 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **40% Federal, 60% General Funds.**

[LATE ITEM](#) – Authorized an amendment to existing agreements with several health plans to expand the Medicaid Managed Care program to new populations for an amount of \$292 million, add a substance abuse treatment program, and adjust rates for individual areas of care (with no net cost impact).

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = *District 2 Resident*)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Board of Acupuncture Licensing

William J. Halacy, Concord, NH*

State Council on the Arts

Angela F. Brown, Randolph, NH

William H. Stelling, Manchester, NH

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee

Paul A. Doscher, Weare, NH

Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Susan J. Hopkins, Salem, NH

Chief Operating Officer for the Division of Administration at the Liquor Commission

Craig W. Bulkley, Derry, NH

Director of Marketing, Merchandising, and Warehousing at the Liquor Commission

Richard Gerrish, Weare, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Deputy Adjutant General

Carolyn J. Protzmann, South Berwick, ME

State Committee on Aging

Edwin C. Engborg, Ashland, NH

State Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Jonathan R. Mitchell, Dover, NH*

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics

Deborah A. Robinson, Merrimack, NH

Board of Dental Examiners

Nilfa E. Collins, Hudson, NH

Arthur D. McKibbin, Enfield, NH

Board of Land Surveyors

Tracey T. Sweeney, Pembroke, NH*

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board

Robert H. Wentworth, Raymond, NH

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